

REMARKS

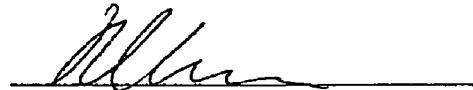
The Office Action of March 16, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the application has been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected as being anticipated by (unpatentable over) Smentek. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited reference. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite, instead of "free running," "continuously free running," in view of the Office Action. Applicant submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the phrase "free running" as connoting the same as what is expressed in the phrase "continuously free running." Hence, Applicant emphasizes that the addition is not intended to be more restrictive than would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art by the phrase "free running." Rather, the addition is intended to address the Examiner's more *legalistic* interpretation (which is at odds with what would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art).

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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